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A: Received a report from Ambassador Keating, speaking to Mrs. Meir a few hours ago. The central thing is she asked that we pass the following message to the Egyptians and to the Soviets: Israel is not planning to attack Syria and Egypt and is deploying its forces in case of foreign attack and on a contingency basis has called up some reserves. Israel is well aware of the militant feeling of the Egyptians and Syrians. If they attack they will lose although the attacker can cause damage ~~to Israel~~ which Israel wishes to avoid. Israel will not repeat not launch an attack, noting that Israel would successfully defend itself if attacked, she emphasized that the Israeli Government wishes to avoid bloodshed.

K: When did we get that?

A: It just arrived on the basis of a meeting the Ambassador had with her at a meeting earlier today.

K: That is the most important part of it. Get it over to Scowcroft right away. And, Roy, can you hush the thing up as tight as we can?

A: Yes, we will do that.

K: And I will get the piece shut up in my shop. OK, thank you.